

THE HURT BIRD

Linda sat on her front steps and kicked at some stray grass by the porch. It was a Sunday afternoon and Linda [dog/ was/ cold] feeling bored. She was tired of watching TV [zoo/ was/ and] had just finished her last book from [the/ kit/ can] library. "Well, I might as well [or/ is/ go] for a walk," Linda decided. She [have/ mall/ stood] up and yelled, "I'm going for [it/ a/ on] walk," to her mother. Her mother [dipper/ yelled/ savior] back, "Be home before dark."

Linda [ahead/ fallen/ walked] down the driveway and out into [you/ the/ goes] street. As Linda walked along, she [haste/ clear/ looked] at the trees and flowers lining [for/ the/ was] street. All of the trees looked [dry/ date/ vane] and dusty from the heat of [tell/ the/ make] summer.

As Linda came around a [turn/ gone/ daisy] in the road, she saw something [barn/ lying/ wake] in the road. It couldn't be [or/ a/ is] rock or a twig, she decided, because [out/ note/ the] object moved. Linda walked closer to [you/ van/ the] object. As she got closer, Linda [drag/ could/ invent] see that the object was a [bird/ lose/ care]. The bird was flopping around feebly. Linda [about/ crash/ knelt] down to look at the bird. [Jaw/ She/ Vat] could see its eyes fixed on her [open/ ease/ with] a very sad, hurt look.

Linda [gap/ wait/ ran] home to get a box. Linda's mother [keep/ came/ then] back to see the bird. Together, [jolly/ they/ drag] gently lifted the bird

into the [drug/ box/ came]. Linda's mother drove Linda and the [grab/ take/ bird] to the vet's office. The vet [hold/ cash/ took] one look at the bird and [said/ east/ mall], "Why, the bird has a broken [wing/ dive/ wait]! I'll have to take him to [was/ out/ the] back room and set the wing."

[An/ It/ We] hour later, the vet came back [open/ with/ make] the bird. The bird was sitting [two/ on/ rat] the bottom of a cage with food and [up/ it/ a] water bowl nearby. On [the/ dip/ wet] bird's wing was a big white bandage. [Fit/ The/ Rust] vet said, "You will have to [tick/ sip/ give] the bird food and water once [a/ it/ on] day. In two weeks, bring the [yet/ bird/ call] back and I will take off [lit/ the/ mast] bandage."

Linda enjoyed taking care of [the/ has/ cat] bird. She fed and watered the [have/ ease/ bird] once a day and even named [pat/ the/ net] bird "Feathers." At last, two weeks [lot/ you/ had] passed and Linda took the bird [give/ were/ back] to the vet's office. The vet [from/ quit/ took] the bandage off and watched carefully [as/ or/ it] the bird flexed its wing. "This [bird/ have/ been] will be able to fly again," [dig/ saw/ the] vet said. "However, you must keep [jack/ him/ side] for two more weeks as he [tries/ give/ seen] to use his wings." Linda felt [good/ keep/ done] inside. She was glad that the [from/ side/ bird] would be able to fly [green/ again/ stick].